

**REMARKS**

**Status of the claims**

Claims 1-62 are pending in the application with claims 16-30 and 44-58 being withdrawn. Claims 59 and 60 are amended herein to more fully claim the disclosed invention. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. As such, entry and consideration thereof are respectfully requested.

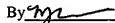
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, PhD Reg. No. 40,069 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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